

NEWARK —

And the Inaugural Address
of President Roosevelt

WHEN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN HIS RECENT INAUGURAL ADDRESS SAID:

"I see millions of families trying to live on incomes so meager that the pall of family disaster hangs over them day by day," he was literally tearing a leaf from the book of one of Newark's largest welfare agencies!

THE MOUNT CARMEL GUILD OF NEWARK

While the Guild has not reached "millions," it has held out a helping hand to many thousands of individuals and families—non-Catholics and Catholics alike—since it was founded in 1930 by the Most Reverend Thomas Joseph Walsh, S.T.D., J.C.D., Bishop of the Newark Diocese. It has steadily and increasingly administered material and spiritual help, mending broken lives and families, caring for the sick, the needy and the destitute, without reservation. Through the elimination of "red tape" it has brought immediate aid and restored faith and courage to those in desperate despair.

WHY \$75,000 IS NEEDED

"I see one-third of a nation ill-housed, ill clad, ill nourished!"

—Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

And Newark is in that "one-third!"

Throughout the year the Guild continues to provide clothing, shoes, medicine, coal, milk for undernourished children, hot meals from the Service Kitchen to families and destitute men, as well as providing countless special needs.

Last year the Guild:

Disbursed cash relief to 2,736 families or 16,416 individuals.

Paid rent, wholly or in part for 46 families.

Distributed 22,503 garments and 2,381 pairs of shoes, so that children might go to school and their parents look for work.

Provided expectant mothers with 98 layettes of thirteen pieces each.

Supplied coal to 190 families during the Winter.

Delivered 268 pieces of used furniture to give comfort and cheer to destitute families.

Issued 6,692 grocery orders.

Paid gas and electric light bills.

Furnished eye glasses, surgical garments and orthopedic shoes.

PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

"I see millions denied education, recreation and the opportunity to better *** the lot of their children."

—Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Judges, Social Workers, and others dealing with the problem of Juvenile Delinquency, are unanimous in declaring that Crime finds its readiest recruits among those families who are removed from the influence of the Church.

Besides its intensive relief program last year, the Guild:

Conducted a vacation school for children during the Summer.

Supplied 8,626 quarts of milk for children in a Nursery School, a Day Nursery and a Recreation Center for colored children.

Made 7,750 visits to hospitals, Old Peoples' Homes, the Almshouse and Children' Institutions distributing gifts and toys at Christmas, providing entertainment and refreshments for crippled and disabled youngsters.

The Motor Corps made 208 trips, taking children to Hospital Clinics for treatment.

HOW THE GUILD PERFORMS

"I see millions of those whose daily lives in the city *** continue under conditions labeled indecent."

—Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Applicants come to the office of the Guild at the rate of 20 to 40 people a day. Some of them are in need of food, others request clothing and still others seek spiritual comfort and advice.

Emergency relief is given immediately. When a family asks for food, a grocery order is always given and the family is immediately visited by one of the 36 Guild members who volunteer for this phase of the work. These families are visited every week and help is given until they are able to take care of themselves. Guild workers are often able to secure

employment for a member of a family, obtain legal advice and medical care.

All of this is done in confidence and kindness so that none but the family knows that relief has been given. Every worker is a volunteer member of the Mount Carmel Guild, for no one receives a salary.

SERVICE KITCHEN

"In this nation, I see *** citizens, who at the very moment are denied the greater part of what the very lowest standards of today call the necessities of life."

—Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Nothing is more necessary to living than food, and although the Guild did not start its Service Kitchen until late in 1935, more than 1,632,000 meals have been served to needy families and destitute men. Each day long lines of hungry men find their way to the friendly door of the Kitchen and are accorded true neighborly hospitality. No questions are asked—for hunger cannot wait—and meals of hot, nourishing food are cheerfully served by 19 volunteer members of the Guild.

But throughout the year, the Service Kitchen likewise feeds a large number of needy

families, some families having as many as eight children. By coming to the Kitchen before the actual serving began, the mother or some member of the family was given hot meals to be served at home.

This is what it takes to run the Kitchen for an average week:

600 lbs	Beef
200 "	Pork
700 "	Beans
2,000 "	Potatoes
1,400 "	Turnips
1,400 "	Carrots
650 "	Onions
210 "	Coffee
150 "	Sugar
200 "	Frankfurters
600 "	Sauerkraut
250 "	Macaroni
336	Cans Evaporated Milk
20	Gals. Tomatoes
1,400	Loaves Bread

EQUIPMENT

At a cost of approximately \$10,000 the Guild Kitchen has been furnished with every utensil necessary for the preparation of the

food. There are huge kettles producing in the aggregate at each filling, 280 gallons of beef stew. Two coffee urns will make 30 gallons of coffee each. There are also an electric potato peeler, a meat chopper, a meat slicer and a dish washer and sterilizer.

Nothing is left undone to keep the kitchen and large dining room as clean as possible. The table tops are thoroughly washed every day, after the close of the kitchen and plates, cups, etc., washed and sterilized.

When Very Rev. Monsignor John G. Delaney, Secretary to Bishop Walsh and Administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral, planned the dining room, he insisted not only that each guest be treated with courtesy, but that the surroundings be made as cheerful as possible. The effect was achieved when he designed the light colored walls, and selected the bright oil-cloth table covering and the radiant blue chairs.

HOW THE MONEY WILL BE RAISED

"The test of our progress *** is whether we provide enough for those who have so little."

—Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The echo of the President's plea is found in the hearts of the business and professional men of Newark, who, acting as a Citizens' Committee under the leadership of Hon. Frederick J. Gassert, together with a group of one thousand workers, recruited within the forty Catholic parishes of the Newark Center and under the direction of Rev. David B. Mulcahy, the General Clerical Director, will solicit voluntary contributions to the Fund.

Mayor Gassert's Committee will submit the case of the Guild to the generous people of Newark, East Newark, Harrison and Irvington. Individuals, firms and corporations will be solicited and it is hoped the response will enable the Guild to maintain its place in the forefront of relief agencies.

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